My full conversation with Gio

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So after Gio released his articles, I made a post briefly going into my experience interacting with him and how I personally felt he was asking me a leading question that I included a screenshot of here: https://www.fruityrumpus.com/forums/reply/68964d40eb0e1f3bcab321ae

Since posting this, I've seen quite a few people sharing it around and discussing it. I realized after the fact that if people might find it useful or informative, there's really no reason not to just share my full and complete conversation with Gio before he posted his article.

My honest opinion of the interaction below is that it was generally just very uncomfortable. Even after explicitly stating that I was not comfortable continuing the conversation, he continued pressing me and tried to lock me into answers based on his own conjecture if I continued to not respond. I'm not a journalist and I don't know if this is like considered acceptable and standard journalistic practice, but it made me feel trapped in a conversation I made very clear I was no longer comfortable having.

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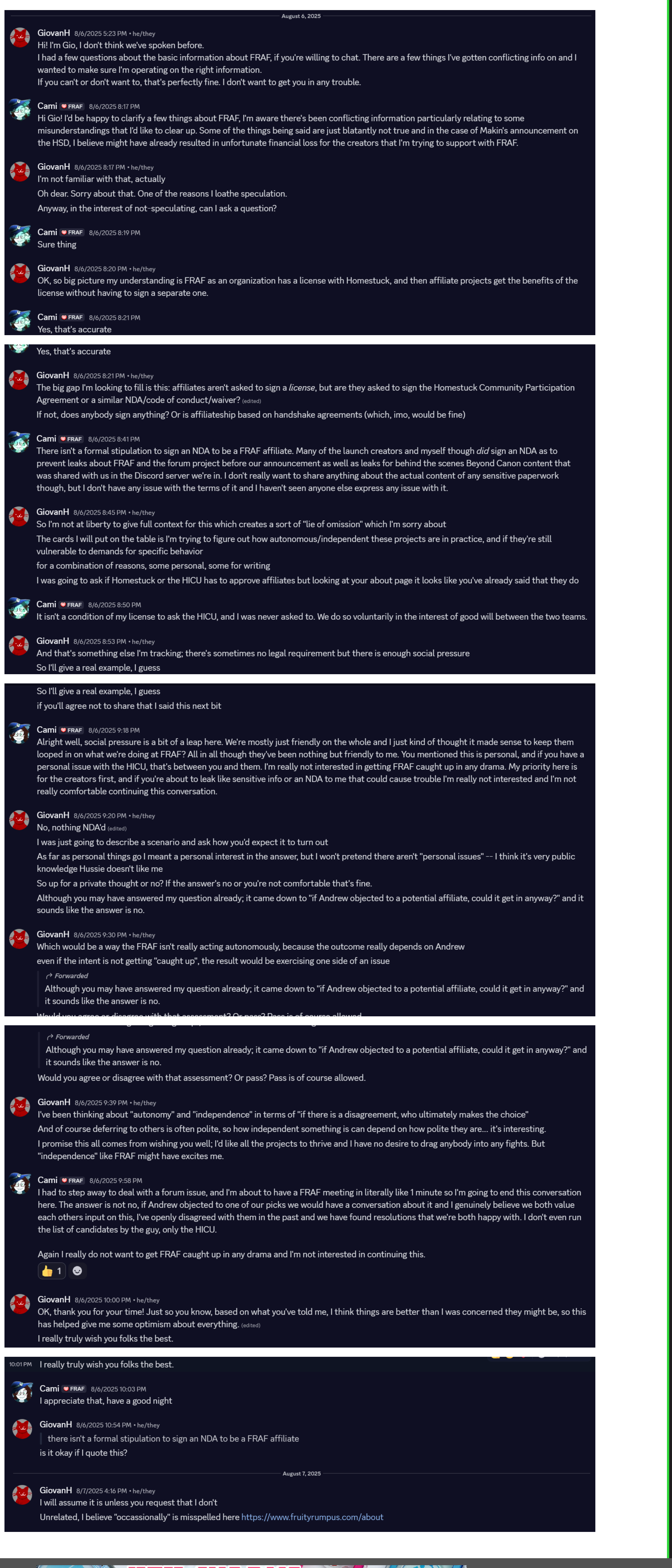

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GiovanH 8/6/2025 5:23 PM • he/they
Hi! I'm Gio, I don't think we've spoken before.
I had a few questions about the basic information about FRAF, if you're willing to chat. There are a few things I've gotten conflicting info on and I wanted to make sure I'm operating on the right information.
If you can't or don't want to, that's perfectly fine. I don't want to get you in any trouble.

Cami FRAF 8/6/2025 8:17 PM
Hi Gio! I'd be happy to clarify a few things about FRAF, I'm aware there's been conflicting information particularly relating to some misunderstandings that I'd like to clear up. Some of the things being said are just blatantly not true and in the case of Makin's announcement on the HSD, I believe might have already resulted in unfortunate financial loss for the creators that I'm trying to support with FRAF.

GiovanH 8/6/2025 8:17 PM • he/they
I'm not familiar with that, actually
Oh dear. Sorry about that. One of the reasons I loathe speculation.
Anyway, in the interest of not-speculating, can I ask a question?

Cami FRAF 8/6/2025 8:19 PM
Sure thing

GiovanH 8/6/2025 8:20 PM • he/they
OK, so big picture my understanding is FRAF as an organization has a license with Homestuck, and then affiliate projects get the benefits of the license without having to sign a separate one.

Cami FRAF 8/6/2025 8:21 PM
Yes, that's accurate

Yes, that's accurate

GiovanH 8/6/2025 8:21 PM • he/they
The big gap I'm looking to fill is this: affiliates aren't asked to sign a *license*, but are they asked to sign the Homestuck Community Participation Agreement or a similar NDA/code of conduct/waiver? (edited)
If not, does anybody sign anything? Or is affiliateship based on handshake agreements (which, imo, would be fine)

Cami FRAF 8/6/2025 8:41 PM
There isn't a formal stipulation to sign an NDA to be a FRAF affiliate. Many of the launch creators and myself though *did* sign an NDA as to prevent leaks about FRAF and the forum project before our announcement as well as leaks for behind the scenes Beyond Canon content that was shared with us in the Discord server we're in. I don't really want to share anything about the actual content of any sensitive paperwork though, but I don't have any issue with the terms of it and I haven't seen anyone else express any issue with it.

GiovanH 8/6/2025 8:45 PM • he/they
So I'm not at liberty to give full context for this which creates a sort of "lie of omission" which I'm sorry about
The cards I will put on the table is I'm trying to figure out how autonomous/independent these projects are in practice, and if they're still vulnerable to demands for specific behavior
for a combination of reasons, some personal, some for writing
I was going to ask if Homestuck or the HICU has to approve affiliates but looking at your about page it looks like you've already said that they do

Cami FRAF 8/6/2025 8:50 PM
It isn't a condition of my license to ask the HICU, and I was never asked to. We do so voluntarily in the interest of good will between the two teams.

GiovanH 8/6/2025 8:53 PM • he/they
And that's something else I'm tracking; there's sometimes no legal requirement but there is enough social pressure
So I'll give a real example, I guess

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if you'll agree not to share that I said this next bit

Cami FRAF 8/6/2025 9:18 PM
Alright well, social pressure is a bit of a leap here. We're mostly just friendly on the whole and I just kind of thought it made sense to keep them looped in on what we're doing at FRAF? All in all though they've been nothing but friendly to me. You mentioned this is personal, and if you have a personal issue with the HICU, that's between you and them. I'm really not interested in getting FRAF caught up in any drama. My priority here is for the creators first, and if you're about to leak like sensitive info or an NDA to me that could cause trouble I'm really not interested and I'm not really comfortable continuing this conversation.

GiovanH 8/6/2025 9:20 PM • he/they
No, nothing NDA'd (edited)
I was just going to describe a scenario and ask how you'd expect it to turn out
As far as personal things go I meant a personal interest in the answer, but I won't pretend there aren't "personal issues" -- I think it's very public knowledge Hussie doesn't like me
So up for a private thought or no? If the answer's no or you're not comfortable that's fine.
Although you may have answered my question already; it came down to "if Andrew objected to a potential affiliate, could it get in anyway?" and it sounds like the answer is no.

GiovanH 8/6/2025 9:30 PM • he/they
Which would be a way the FRAF isn't really acting autonomously, because the outcome really depends on Andrew
even if the intent is not getting "caught up", the result would be exercising one side of an issue

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> Although you may have answered my question already; it came down to "if Andrew objected to a potential affiliate, could it get in anyway?" and it sounds like the answer is no.

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Although you may have answered my question already; it came down to "if Andrew objected to a potential affiliate, could it get in anyway?" and it sounds like the answer is no.

Would you agree or disagree with that assessment? Or pass? Pass is of course allowed.

GiovanH 8/6/2025 9:39 PM • he/they
I've been thinking about "autonomy" and "independence" in terms of "if there is a disagreement, who ultimately makes the choice"
And of course deferring to others is often polite, so how independent something is can depend on how polite they are... it's interesting.
I promise this all comes from wishing you well; I'd like all the projects to thrive and I have no desire to drag anybody into any fights. But "independence" like FRAF might have excites me.

Cami FRAF 8/6/2025 9:58 PM
I had to step away to deal with a forum issue, and I'm about to have a FRAF meeting in literally like 1 minute so I'm going to end this conversation here. The answer is not no, if Andrew objected to one of our picks we would have a conversation about it and I genuinely believe we both value each others input on this, I've openly disagreed with them in the past and we have found resolutions that we're both happy with. I don't even run the list of candidates by the guy, only the HICU.

Again I really do not want to get FRAF caught up in any drama and I'm not interested in continuing this.
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GiovanH 8/6/2025 10:00 PM • he/they
OK, thank you for your time! Just so you know, based on what you've told me, I think things are better than I was concerned they might be, so this has helped give me some optimism about everything. (edited)
I really truly wish you folks the best.

10:01 PM I really truly wish you folks the best.

Cami FRAF 8/6/2025 10:03 PM
I appreciate that, have a good night

GiovanH 8/6/2025 10:54 PM • he/they
> there isn't a formal stipulation to sign an NDA to be a FRAF affiliate

is it okay if I quote this?

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GiovanH 8/7/2025 4:16 PM • he/they
I will assume it is unless you request that I don't
Unrelated, I believe "occassionally" is misspelled here https://www.fruityrumpus.com/about

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Okay I've more-or-less sided with Gio, at least on the subject of Hussie and Miles's behavior towards him and Bambosh, but it is *really* funny to see him start a conversation with "I loathe speculation" knowing full and well he was about to publish an article that just gestures at Austinado leaving DCRC and going "Did HUSSIE HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS? HMM?".

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40 years old

Thank you for sharing this, it is quite enlightening.

The conversation further highlights how much Gio is PUSHING his narrative, shoehorning ideas that have nothing to do with what you're saying or what the conversation was supposed to be about.

And to intertwine various interviews in an apparent attempt to induce Shocking Reveals™ is not journalism, no.

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man I don't know much about this whole situation but this is coming across very much as "how dare the person who wrote this comic have any involvement with it whatsoever"

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DANYA
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god i cringe so hard from him sending multiple messages in a row where he just elaborates on his own speculations and narratives before getting an answer to a simply posed question... like is this guy for real

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bro has main character syndrome so bad

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Max Nexus
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"`One of the reasons i loathe speculation`" Gio says as he is about to publish an article full of speculation. I find this very funny, Thank you Cami for sending the full logs, it's very nice of you. I was a bit worried when you posted what came after for a second, but there isn't much of substance Gio said here. Heck this isn't even much of an interview.

On the conversation itself, it ended a lot quicker than i thought. It was basically just the same leading question constantly being pushed on you. I admittedly assumed that You and Gio had more of a conversation. I don't like how Gio wrote in the article that Hussie might have influence over FRAF, if not now then in the future (Far too much to speculate about with lacking information, Like Gio can't tell that with any degree of certainty, it's at best an educated guess.), considering the fact the most influence the HICU has on FRAF is Miles being in it to handle communications between HICU and FRAF. (And Miles has worked as a direct liaison to Hussie, which as I've stated before i think was a bad idea. Hussie should've gotten someone else to do that who wasn't a part of the HICU after it officially became a thing.) Like i know that Gio has (admittedly good reasons) to assume the HICU is under the influence and control of Hussie (even if just in a Hussie can come in and mandate things to go a certain way in the HICU) But FRAF seems to lack that outside of reasonably of not wanting to piss off Hussie for no reason. So yeah. As I've stated before, Gio really should've delayed the HICU article and maybe reworked it to focus more on past events than current ones he knows nothing about and apparently had no time to look into for whatever reason. (and i mean for whatever reason, i looked into it a bit more here, warning it's 2k words long and it's a reply that transformed into a blog post as i wrote it. Like jeez there's citations, sidenotes, and tangents. https://www.fruityrumpus.com/forums/reply/689ab86eeb0e1f3bca3b6454)

So yeah, this is just bad journalism, the best reasoning i have as to why he did this was because he for whatever reason wanted the articles out by 8/8, no matter what. Which again, is bad journalism. The UHC article doesn't really have this specific problem (It's biased, but that's because it's based on his personal experiences and it's made obvious to the reader, so i have no issues with that. I trust people to realize Gio's obviously displayed bias even if they fully take his side in this.)

Also as a sidenote: i really like the fact Gio went in and corrected a grammar mistake in the about section, how nice of them lmao. (Also again, why is Gio getting information that's this important 2 days before releasing his HICU article, it's very sloppy, not what his writings usually are. Even reading it i felt it was a bit sloppy, especially at the Vast Error bit, literally 1 sentence, why was it a heading.)

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Do I agree that Andrew Hussie committed legal abuse by bullying Gio to take the UHC down? Absolutely. Do I also think maybe Gio was acting incredibly in bad faith when he wrote that second article and dragged people who have nothing to do with this into the forefront? Also yes.

And I fear too many people think that these things cannot both be true and that anyone who is a FRAF worker/staffer is just on Andrew Hussie's payroll or something lol.

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RE: elegantspinstress

God I ***WISH*** I was on Andrew Hussie's payroll. My ass broke as fuck.

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I also just think it's a given that Andrew Hussie would be SOMEWHAT involved, but that doesn't mean he's their boss and overseer or whatever. I believe that the HICU and FRAF are independent, but I also don't think there's anything inherently wrong with the guy who started it all, but then stepped back, peeking in now and again. And as far as I'm aware, the HICU and FRAF team have like absolutely nothing to do with the main issue, so it's like why even bring them up if not to just sort of allude to this insane idea that there's this whole organization after you? That's just paranoia lol

And Gio can't even get most of the information he wants from some of these people. I can't just waltz into any business and demand answers about who runs the place, their business practices, who they turn away etc. That ain't none of my business at all. And is like totally illegal to share.

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There will probably be an influx of people who come in now demanding why you didn't explain literally everything else in the article even though it's pretty obvious doing that has legal consequences and also I wouldn't expect you to know all of the juicy details anyways but mostly because it's HELLA ILLEGAL and will people please stop asking about it anyways lol?

No one here is a lawyer. Or Andrew Hussie. Or Gio. Or Bambosh. If people want literally ALL of the answers I fear only those people would be able to like tell us anything T_T

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"i assume its okay unless you request that it isnt" is a line that gives me just ***horrendous*** vibes. idk why its just like. weird

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Man, Seth and Max have really been pulling double-overtime trying to sort out this mess. ~~I think they're probably still being too charitable to Hussie by claiming he just didn't know what he was doing at first~~ bad way of phrasing it, but no, I think they basically got it right, but I think their judgement on the HICU/FRAF stuff from Gio is hitting on something real.

I still attest that ~~Gio was treated unfairly with regards to the UHC~~ I guess this is true from a legal standpoint, but knowing what we do now, nah, he can get fucked, but I think the biggest victims in all this are the people who just wanted to work on projects without ~~the administrative side~~ it wasn't entirely their fault as we know now fucking around in the background. Bambosh, ~~the original Homestuck^2 team~~ this probably wasn't the admin's fault in the first place? It's still not clear how transparent the money stuff was, and whichever devs on Hiveswap faced troubles out of their control this might still be true. They had passion, and they were punished for it. For...everyone's sake, I hope they're the only ones.

Look at my Sonic reviews.

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journalists do shit like that all the time, yes

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" *"i assume its okay unless you request that it isnt" is a line that gives me just* ***horrendous*** *vibes. idk why its just like. weird* "

Because it demonstrates exactly how much Gio doesn't care about basic consent or the well-being of other people.

He's paying lip service to it, but in the end, he doesn't give a fuck, and he WILL use whatever he can to further build tin foil hat conspiracy theories.

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@Oasis Nadrama it's muckracking not conspiracy theories get your epithets right

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wow. the conduct here from gio is just blindingly unprofessional. which is. not surprising.

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Quick clarification cause I saw some people confused elsewhere, the part where I said I wasn't comfortable continuing the conversation is when I say *"I'm really not interested in getting FRAF caught up in any drama. My priority here is for the creators first, and if you're about to leak like sensitive info or an NDA to me that could cause trouble I'm really not interested and I'm not really comfortable continuing this conversation."*. I was more firm on it later, but I tried to end the conversation here and stopped responding.

After this, where I felt that Gio was locking me into an answer based on his conjecture if I continued not to respond is when he says "It came down to, 'if Andrew objected to a potential affiliate, could it get in anyway?' And it sounds like the answer is no". If I didn't answer, I am pretty sure this is what he would have run with, and it is not accurate as I do correct him on in my following message.

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Avarice
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Oh Gio just talks like that full-time. I see.

Magic is **FAKE AS SHIT**/**FUCKING REAL**

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@Margot Kix you know hussie's lawyers called him him, right? Get over yourself lol

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Ace L.
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im gonna be blunt and a little mean but gio sounds...exhausting to talk to.

in any case, this is Interesting. thank you for sharing

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